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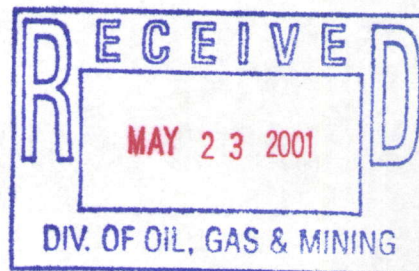
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May 22, 2001

Mr. Bill Ruehman
The Rockland Corporation
400 S. 100 E.
P.O. Box 656
Emery, UT 84522

RE: ML 45717-Clay
DOGM # E/015/070



Dear Mr. Ruehman,

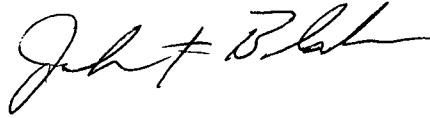
Thank you for your recent notification to conduct exploration drilling and to open a small humic shale mine on trust lands in T23S, R6E, Section 2, SE4SW4, under mineral lease ML 45717-Clay.

The Trust Lands Administration requires the following prior to commencement of proposed operations upon the leased lands.

- 1) Notify other parties having a legal interest with the Trust Lands Administration in the leased lands and advise them of your proposed operations (ML 43260 MetMin, Fremont Corporation, P.O. Box 658, St. George, UT 84771; and, GP 22186, Robert Anderson, P.O. Box 122, Emery, UT 84522).
- 2) Obtain and submit to the Trust Lands Administration, for review and approval, a cultural resources survey by a qualified consultant of all acreage to be disturbed by your proposed operations on the leased lands.
- 3) Submit a Surety bond (bond form enclosed) or other acceptable bond to the Trust Lands Administration in the amount of \$5,000.00 for ML 45717-Clay.
- 4) Prior to the commencement of mining, obtain a Small Mine permit from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.
- 5) Obtain right of access across lands not included within mineral lease ML 45717-Clay before moving any heavy equipment or large vehicles across the lands.

Please contact me if you have any questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Blake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Blake" clearly distinguishable.

John T. Blake
Mineral Resources Specialist

CC: Tony Gallegos